

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 17, "Career and Technical Endorsements and Licenses," Iowa Administrative Code.

A representative group of Iowa high school agriculture teachers and professors in the Iowa State University Agriculture Education Department met to examine the current requirements for the agriculture endorsements and to propose amendments to those requirements. Agriculture has changed a great deal since the career and technical agricultural sciences and agribusiness endorsement was adopted; therefore, the proposed amendment updates the requirements for the agricultural sciences and agribusiness endorsement.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2009. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend paragraph 17.1(1)"a" as follows:

a. Agricultural sciences and agribusiness. ~~Completion of 24 semester hours in agricultural business management or economics, agricultural mechanics, agronomy, animal science, and horticulture. One thousand hours of work experience in one or more agriculture related occupations. Coursework in agriculture education to include foundations of career and technical education, planning and implementing courses and curriculum, methods and techniques of instruction, evaluation of programs and students, and in the coordination of cooperative experience education programs.~~

(1) Completion of 24 semester credit hours in agriculture and agriculture education to include:

1. Foundations of vocational and career education.

2. Planning and implementing courses and curriculum.

3. Methods and techniques of instruction to include evaluation of programs and students.

4. Coordination of cooperative education programs.

5. Coursework in each of the following areas and at least three semester credit hours in five of the following areas:

- Agribusiness systems;
 - Power, structural, and technical systems;
 - Plant systems;
 - Animal systems;
 - Natural resources systems;
 - Environmental service systems; and
 - Food products and processing systems.
- (2) One thousand hours of work experience in one or more of the areas listed in 17.1(1)“e.”